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Interviews: 1,109 adults,
including a national sample of 1,005,
plus an oversample of 104 Hispanics
Dates: April 21-24, 2006

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,005 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	[139]
Headed in the right direction....	24	26	31	30	26	28	72	14	
Off on the wrong track.....	67	62	57	59	63	59	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	7	9	10	8	8	10	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	3	3	3	6	6	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
		32	34	35	34	42	40	41	
		57	52	52	51	48	47	46	
		8	12	10	12	8	10	11	
		3	2	3	3	2	3	2	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>		
	39	39	36	36	36	33	41		
	48	49	50	48	48	50	49		
	10	10	12	14	14	14	5		
	3	2	2	2	2	3	5		
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>		
	47	56	41	43	38	42	49		
	43	30	48	47	50	44	38		
	6	9	8	6	8	9	8		
	4	5	3	3	4	4	5		
	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
	62	36	43	44	42	40	52		
	22	47	42	42	43	42	31		
	13	14	13	14	12	14	14		
	3	3	2	-	3	4	3		
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>		
	53	62	70	72	43	45	48		
	28	20	15	11	39	36	32		
	15	14	12	11	14	15	18		
	4	4	3	6	4	4	2		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	50-54.....	9	[140-141]
25-29.....	10	55-59.....	9	
30-34.....	6	60-64.....	8	
35-39.....	5	65-69.....	8	
40-44.....	8	70-74.....	6	
45-49.....	11	75 and over.....	9	
		Refused.....	1	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[142]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[143]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Hispanic (VOL).....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

2d. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	87	[144]
Not registered.....	13	
Not sure.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>3/06</u>	[145]
Approve.....	36	37	39	39	38	39	88	37	
Disapprove.....	57	58	54	55	57	54	7	58	
Not sure.....	7	5	7	6	5	7	5	5	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>		
		40	46	47	48	50	50		
		55	49	47	46	45	44		
		5	5	6	6	5	6		
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>		
		49	49	47	47	48	45		
		44	47	48	48	46	49		
		7	4	5	5	6	6		
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
		47	50	54	58	52	51		
		46	46	41	34	41	44		
		7	5	6	9	7	5		
		<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-</u> <u>30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>		
		49	56	62	71	66	67		
		45	38	31	23	29	28		
		6	6	7	6	5	5		
		<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
		62	61	54	62	63	64		
		33	31	40	33	31	30		
		5	8	6	5	6	6		
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>			
		67	69	75	74	57			
		27	23	18	20	22			
		6	8	7	6	21			

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>4/06</u> *	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>11/05</u>	[146]
Approve.....	35	36	40	38	34	40	63	34	
Disapprove.....	60	58	53	54	60	55	25	60	
Not sure.....	5	6	7	8	6	5	12	6	
		<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
		39	43	41	46	47	44	45	
		54	51	53	50	47	51	52	
		7	6	6	4	6	5	3	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
		45	43	45	41	45	49	48	
		51	52	49	53	51	45	46	
		4	5	6	6	4	6	6	
		<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
		50	43	45	47	49	44	47	
		44	52	48	45	42	49	45	
		5	6	7	8	9	7	8	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
		48	48	49	57	61	63	63	
		44	43	43	34	30	27	25	
		8	9	8	9	9	10	12	
		<u>4/01</u>							
		52							
		27							
		21							

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>4/06</u> **	<u>1/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>High</u> <u>12/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>11/05</u>	[147]
Approve.....	32	38	35	36	45	42	82	35	
Disapprove.....	61	57	59	56	51	52	12	59	
Not sure.....	7	5	6	8	4	6	6	6	
		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>		
		42	44	46	45	48	44		
		50	50	49	51	46	51		
		8	6	5	4	6	5		
		<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>		
		44	44	43	45	47	54		
		52	52	51	51	48	41		
		4	4	6	4	5	5		
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
		54	56	48	48	47	55		
		41	37	47	48	46	39		
		5	7	5	4	7	6		
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
		63	70	51	57	58	55		
		31	24	42	36	35	34		
		6	6	7	7	7	11		
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
		62	64	68	81	82	53		
		28	28	26	13	12	20		
		10	8	6	6	6	27		

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	[148]
Approve.....	33	35	39	36	32	
Disapprove.....	62	61	56	60	64	
Not sure.....	5	4	5	4	4	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>		
		37	39	44		
		58	55	52		
		5	6	4		

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>4/06</u>		<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/92+</u>	[149]
Approve.....	22	Skip to Q.6	33	29	25	28	61	15	
Disapprove.....	65	CONTINUE	53	56	60	57	28	78	
Not sure.....	13	Skip to Q.6	14	15	15	15	11	7	
			<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
			29	28	33	39	41	40	
			53	55	51	46	40	42	
			18	17	16	15	19	18	
			<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
			39	46	39	43	39	42	
			43	41	47	45	45	45	
			18	13	14	11	16	13	
			<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
			43	42	44	44	40	34	
			43	39	39	40	44	48	
			14	19	17	16	16	18	
			<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
			43	54	57	47	43	45	
			41	29	29	34	33	32	
			16	17	14	19	24	23	
			<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	
			45	48	55	49	46	46	
			32	35	30	35	41	42	
			23	17	15	16	13	12	
			<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
			43	42	43	48	45	42	
			46	44	40	36	42	45	
			11	14	17	16	13	13	
			<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
			40	43	40	49	41	50	
			49	41	42	38	45	40	
			11	16	18	13	14	10	
			<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>				
			44	48	43				
			42	39	43				
			14	13	14				

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "DISAPPROVE" OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.4.)

5. Which one or two of the following reasons best describe why you disapprove of the job Congress is doing?
(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:) Well if you had to choose just one or two, which would they be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

You are tired of Republicans and Democrats fighting with each other.....	44	[150]
Nothing seems to get done on issues that are important to you.....	36	>
Too many Members of Congress are corrupt and unethical.....	34	
Congress simply goes along with whatever President Bush wants done.....	22	
You disagree with specific legislation that Congress has passed.....	12	
Other (VOL).....	2	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[151]
April 2006.....	19	20	9	15	37	-	
March 2006.....	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005.....	23	19	10	13	35	-	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
October 2005.....	21	20	11	17	31	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[152/156]
April 2006.....	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006.....	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005.....	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2006.....	8	24	30	22	15	1	
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[153/157]
April 2006.....	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006.....	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[154]
April 2006 *.....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004.....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003.....	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000.....	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+.....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+.....	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+.....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999.....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
Donald Rumsfeld							[155]
April 2006 *.....	11	19	18	16	26	10	
December 2005.....	11	20	18	15	27	9	
July 2005.....	11	19	19	15	22	14	
January 2005.....	15	24	16	11	23	11	
December 2004.....	11	23	17	14	24	11	
May 2004+.....	16	23	18	14	19	10	
November 2003.....	18	25	15	11	19	12	
September 2003.....	21	26	15	11	14	13	
July 2003.....	21	25	15	13	15	12	
May 2003+.....	27	25	13	8	13	14	
June 2002.....	23	24	19	8	6	20	
December 2001.....	30	26	16	4	3	21	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[158]
April 2006 **	12	27	28	13	6	14	
August 2004+	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999	12	22	24	4	2	36	
<i>High</i>							
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1999	9	20	22	5	2	42	
Bill Clinton							[159]
April 2006 **	27	23	16	12	21	1	
October 2004+	26	22	13	11	27	1	
September 2004+	27	21	15	12	25	-	
July 2004+	22	20	15	14	28	1	
June 2004+	20	22	16	14	27	1	
January 2002	17	19	13	13	36	2	
June 2001	18	21	15	15	31	-	
April 2001	20	20	15	11	34	-	
March 2001	17	17	13	14	38	1	
January 2001	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000	33	23	11	12	21	-	
Likely voters November 2000+	22	20	11	11	35	1	
Likely voters October 2000+	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+	22	27	11	12	28	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001	17	17	13	14	38	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Which ONE of the following best describes your feeling about how George W. Bush will do during the remainder of his presidency--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>4/06</u> *	<u>1/05</u> ¹	<u>12/04</u> ²	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>10/00</u> +	
Optimistic.....	15	31	30	31	27	[160]
Satisfied.....	22	22	22	20	29	
Uncertain.....	28	23	17	13	24	
Pessimistic.....	35	23	30	35	19	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹In January 2005, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about how George W. Bush will do during his second term t..."

²Prior to January 2005, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about George W. Bush being reelected as president..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

8. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections, and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are.

	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +	
10, very interested.....	49	45	46	[161-162]
9.....	7	7	7	
8.....	17	18	15	
7.....	10	11	12	
6.....	5	5	5	
5.....	7	7	7	
4.....	2	1	2	
3.....	-	2	1	
2.....	1	1	1	
1, not interested at all.....	2	3	4	
Cannot rate.....	-	-	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

9. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections— a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	39	37	38	38	37	39	40	[163]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	45	50	47	46	48	48	45	
Not sure.....	16	13	15	16	15	13	15	
		<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/29- 31/04+</u>	<u>10/16- 18/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		40	43	44	42	42	41	
		47	44	44	46	44	44	
		13	13	12	12	14	15	
		<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/0 3</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
		42	42	42	43	42	43	
		45	43	42	42	42	41	
		13	15	16	15	16	16	
		<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
		42	44	42	40	39	39	
		41	40	40	44	41	43	
		17	16	18	16	20	18	
		<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	
		42	41	37	41	40	41	
		41	40	43	43	39	40	
		17	19	20	16	21	19	
		<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
		39	37	41	40	41	41	
		40	41	37	42	37	39	
		21	22	22	18	22	20	
		<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>		
		45	44	41	42	44		
		39	38	38	41	38		
		16	18	21	17	18		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

10. In deciding whether to vote for your member of Congress, which is more important to you--your congressperson's position on national issues or your congressperson's performance in taking care of problems in your district?

	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	
Position on national issues.....	43	44	35	[164]
Performance in district.....	38	40	51	
Both/neither (VOL).....	18	15	13	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF FORM A RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

11. Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?

	4/06+ *	3/06+	11/05+	10/02+ ¹	Bill Clinton 10/98+ ²	
A vote to send signal of support for Bush.....	21	20	21	31	28	[165]
A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush.....	31	37	39	19	23	
Not a signal either way about Bush.....	45	41	36	49	49	
Do not plan to vote (VOL).....	-	-	1	-	NA	
Not sure.....	3	2	3	1	-	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In October 2002, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?"

² In October 1998, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 12a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.12a.)

- 12b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY

	Q.12a Top Priority		Q.12a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities	
	4/06		4/06	
Energy and the cost of gas.....	19	CONTINUE	39	[166-167]
The war in Iraq.....	19		36	
Health care.....	14		30	
Job creation and economic growth.....	11		24	
Illegal immigration.....	11		24	
Terrorism	11		22	
Iran's nuclear program.....	6		14	
Congressional ethics and lobbying reform.....	4	Skip to Q.13a	10	
Other (VOL).....	1		1	
All equally (VOL).....	4		-	
None of these (VOL).....	-		-	
Not sure.....	-		-	

Thinking ahead to 2008 . . .

- 13a. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	
John McCain.....	46	44	[170]
Hillary Clinton.....	37	42	
Depends (VOL).....	3	1	
Neither/other (VOL).....	8	6	
Not sure.....	6	7	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 13b. Which of the following best describes your feeling about how **(READ ITEM)** would do as president--optimistic and confident that (he/she) would do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that (he/she) would do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether (he/she) would do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that (he/she) would do a bad job?

	<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	22	25	21	30	2	[171]
John McCain.....	18	31	32	13	6	[172]

14. I'm going to read you several events that have occurred over the past six weeks. Please tell me which one or two of these causes you the most concern. **(IF MORE THAN TWO," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which TWO would you say cause you the most concern?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Gas prices reaching three dollars per gallon in some areas.....	45	
Iran building a nuclear weapon.....	33	[173]
The issue of illegal immigration.....	26	>
Continued civil disorder in Iraq.....	23	
The Bush administration leaking national security information.....	18	
Corruption in the business world as in the trial of Enron executives.....	11	
Sexual assault allegations against members of the Duke University lacrosse team.....	3	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

15. There is not a lot more time until Congress adjourns before the election. Which ONE of the following issues do you feel is most important for Congress to act on before it leaves Washington for recess? (IF MULTIPLE RESPONSES GIVEN OR "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which ONE would you say is most important?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Prohibiting Members of Congress from directing federal funds to specific projects benefiting only certain constituents.....	39	[174]
Immigration reform.....	32	
Extension of tax cuts.....	10	
Reform of lobbying rules.....	8	
Reform of the pension system.....	6	
Other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

16. If little progress is made on any of these issues, who do you think will be most to blame—President Bush, the Republicans in Congress, or the Democrats in Congress? **

President Bush.....	24	[175]
The Republicans in Congress.....	27	
The Democrats in Congress.....	16	
All (VOL).....	25	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. I'm going to read you several major changes that could be made in politics or specific policies. For each one, please tell me whether you would strongly favor, mildly favor, feel neutral about, mildly oppose, or strongly oppose this change.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR MILDLY FAVOR

	Strongly Favor	Mildly Favor	Feel Neutral	Mildly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
Require voters to produce a valid photo identification when they go to vote *.....	62	19	12	3	4	-	[178]
Make it mandatory for every person to have health insurance. People with higher incomes who do not have coverage would be required to buy insurance, and the government would help to pay for insurance for those who cannot afford it **.....	50	18	9	9	12	2	[180]
Extending the tax cuts that are currently set to expire in 2008 **.....	29	21	19	9	18	4	[208]
Build a new independent political party to run a credible candidate for president **.....	31	14	24	12	17	2	[179]
Have the Democrats in control of Congress *.....	28	16	20	13	21	2	[176]
Create tax credits for people who drive hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles and allow them to drive alone in HOV lanes *.....	19	21	26	15	16	3	[177]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now thinking about the economy . . .

18. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>4/06*</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	[209]
Economy has gotten better.....	23	23	22	21	17	20	31	30	29	
Economy has gotten worse.....	44	36	37	44	45	42	28	34	36	
Economy has stayed about the same.....	32	39	39	33	37	37	40	35	34	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		29	37	39	35	35	43	45	38	
		33	31	28	33	34	23	27	29	
		37	30	31	31	29	34	27	31	
		1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	
		27	23	18	6	7	17	6	2	
		41	42	44	65	57	44	73	78	
		30	34	36	28	35	38	20	19	
		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
		3	6	8	9	11	8	3	3	
		74	67	57	64	54	64	73	72	
		22	26	33	26	35	27	23	24	
		1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	
		<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
		6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
		57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
		35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
		2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>4/06**</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	[210]
Economy will get better.....	17	24	24	26	16	28	43	43	43	
Economy will get worse.....	44	27	30	34	49	30	17	10	13	
Economy will stay about the same.....	36	46	42	37	32	36	36	33	33	
Not sure.....	3	3	4	3	3	6	4	14	11	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
	42	44	50	53	49	44	45	49	35	
	16	18	10	10	15	19	16	17	25	
	34	35	37	33	33	33	34	31	37	
	8	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>		
	40	41	39	41	50	50	36	28		
	20	20	18	20	13	15	25	29		
	35	34	39	37	32	32	34	37		
	5	5	4	2	5	3	5	6		
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>		
	17	19	19	21	20	24	31	31		
	24	22	22	21	21	23	17	24		
	54	53	57	52	54	50	46	40		
	5	6	2	6	5	3	6	5		
	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>		
	28	28	27	29	44	43	21	23		
	24	17	21	16	16	19	27	24		
	44	52	49	52	36	34	50	51		
	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	2		
	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>		
	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31		
	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24		
	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40		
	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5		

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

- 20a. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view about the economy? **

I'm feeling confident about the economy because of the number of jobs that are being created, the strong performance of the stock market, and the low rate of inflation.

I'm feeling uneasy about the economy because of the high price of gasoline, higher interest rates, and the large federal deficit

Feeling confident about the economy.....	19	[211]
Feeling uneasy about the economy.....	77	
Some of both (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Q.20b (346 RESPONDENTS) AND Q.20c (329 RESPONDENTS)
ONLY ASKED APRIL 23-24**

20b. Please tell me which ONE of the following you think is most responsible for high gas prices.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PERSON OR GROUP IN Q20b.)

20c. And now please tell me which of the following you think is second most responsible for high gas prices.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MOST RESPONSIBLE

	Q.20b Most Responsible			Q.20b/c COMBINED Most/Second Responsible		
	4/06	5/05		4/06	5/05	
Oil companies.....	37.	28	CONTINUE	60	54	[362-365]
Oil-producing nations.....	22.	31		51	56	
President Bush.....	15.	14		28	26	
American consumers.....	8.	8		19	18	
Federal environmental regulations.....	6..	6		16	16	
The U.S. Congress.....	4..	3		15	11	
Car manufacturers.....	2..	3		8	12	
Other (VOL).....	3..	3		3	4	
None of these (VOL).....		1	Skip to Q.21	-	-	
Not sure.....	3..	3		-	-	

On another topic . . .

21. Would you say that your overall opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that became available on January first is mostly favorable or mostly unfavorable, or do you not know enough about it to have an opinion? (IF "FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE," ASK:) And would you say that you have a very (favorable/unfavorable) opinion or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that became available on January first?

	4/06	1/06	12/05 ¹	
Very favorable.....	7	6	6	[212]
Somewhat favorable.....	10	9	13	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	9	10	11	
Very unfavorable.....	18	21	14	
Don't know enough to have an opinion.....	55	52	55	
Not sure.....	1	2	1	

¹In December 2005, the question was phrased, "Would you say your overall opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that will be available starting in 2006 . . ."

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE AGE 65 AND OVER IN Q.2a.)

22. I'm going to read you several things that some people have said about the new Medicare prescription drug plan. For each one please tell me whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AGREE

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
It is too complicated and confusing				[213]
April 2006.....	69	19	12	
January 2006.....	77	13	10	
December 2005.....	73	15	12	
It is a good plan for seniors who do not have drug coverage				[214]
April 2006.....	58	20	22	
January 2006.....	56	20	24	
December 2005.....	51	27	22	
This plan will be helpful to me personally				[215]
April 2006.....	24	63	13	
January 2006.....	23	62	15	
December 2005.....	14	67	19	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE AGE 65 AND OVER IN Q.2a.)

23. Have you personally enrolled in the new Medicare prescription drug plan that started in January this year?

Yes.....	32	[216]
No.....	67	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

Now thinking about the topic of immigration . . .

24. Would you say that: immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, OR immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	<u>4/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
Helps more than it hurts.....	45	37	[217]
Hurts more than it helps.....	45	53	
Not sure.....	10	10	

25. In the community where you live, would you say that immigration has had a positive effect, a negative effect, or no real effect at all on **(READ ITEM)? (IF "POSITIVE" OR "NEGATIVE", ASK:)** And do you think it has had a strong (positive/negative) effect or just somewhat of a (positive/negative) effect?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY POSITIVE EFFECT

	<u>Positive Effect</u>		<u>Negative Effect</u>		<u>No Real Effect At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Just Somewhat</u>	<u>Just Somewhat</u>	<u>Strong</u>			
The culture and character of the community.....	16	17	10	11	41	5	[220]
The prices of everyday goods and services.....	9	14	8	9	51	9	[221]
The availability of jobs.....	8	9	14	14	48	7	[218]
Hospitals and public schools.....	7	9	18	21	37	8	[219]

26. If you had to make a choice, would you favor deporting immigrants in America who are not legal citizens and do not have work permits, or would you favor allowing these immigrants to stay in America as long as they pass a security check, meet certain conditions, and pay taxes?

Favor deporting.....	35	[222]
Favor allowing them to stay.....	61	
Not sure.....	4	

27. I'm going to describe a portion of a possible new immigration law, which also would include tighter border security. This law would deal with immigrants who are here illegally in three ways, depending on how long they have been in the United States. Those who have been here for more than five years would be allowed to continue to work here for six years, and then would be allowed to apply for permanent citizenship. Those who have been here for two to five years would be required to go to a legal border entry point and register sometime in the next three years, and would then be able to return to work. Those who have been here for less than two years would be required to return to their home country and apply for entry into the United States through the normal legal channels.

Thinking about the portion of a possible immigration law I just described, would you favor or oppose this? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE", ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) it or somewhat (favor/oppose) it?

Strongly favor.....	29	[223]
Somewhat favor.....	39	
Somewhat oppose.....	10	
Strongly oppose.....	18	
Not sure.....	4	

28. If thousands of immigrants in the U.S. do not show up for work on May first in protest of immigration policy, do you think this will do more to help their cause, do more to hurt their cause, or have no real effect either way?

Help their cause.....	17	[224]
Hurt their cause.....	57	
Have no effect either way.....	20	
Not sure.....	6	

29. Would you favor or oppose building a wall or a fence all along the border between Mexico and the United States, from Texas to California? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE", ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) this or somewhat (favor/oppose) this?

Strongly favor.....	33	[225]
Somewhat favor.....	14	
Somewhat oppose.....	15	
Strongly oppose.....	33	
Not sure.....	5	

Now I'd like to ask you about recent news regarding the country of Iran . . .

30. How much have you seen, read, or heard recently regarding Iran taking steps to resume research on nuclear fuel--a lot, some, not very much, or nothing at all?

Have seen/read/heard a lot.....	43	[226]
Have seen/read/heard some.....	32	
Have not seen/read/heard very much.....	17	
Have seen/read/heard nothing at all.....	8	
Not sure.....	-	

31. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? (IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT", ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that, or not? *

Should Initiate Military Action		
Feel strongly.....	33	[227]
Do not feel strongly.....	9	
Should Not Initiate Military Action		
Do not feel strongly.....	13	
Feel strongly.....	33	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

32. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should join a coalition of other countries to initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? (IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that, or not? **

Should Initiate Military Action		
Feel strongly.....	38	[228]
Do not feel strongly.....	10	
Should Not Initiate Military Action		
Do not feel strongly.....	10	
Feel strongly.....	32	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

33. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>4/06*</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	
Worth it.....	40	39	42	41	40	40	37	[229]
Not worth it.....	52	51	48	49	52	51	51	
Depends (VOL).....	4	6	5	5	5	4	5	
Not sure.....	4	4	5	5	3	5	7	
		<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
		44	40	44	44	40	43	
		49	51	48	49	52	48	
		4	4	4	3	3	6	
		3	5	4	4	5	3	
		<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		41	40	43	43	40	42	
		50	52	49	47	51	47	
		4	3	4	4	5	5	
		5	5	4	6	4	6	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
		50	52	53	45	45		
		45	40	37	42	46		
		1	2	5	6	3		
		4	5	5	6	5		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

34. An estimated one hundred and seventy billion dollars has been spent on the war in Iraq, and approximately two thousand four hundred American soldiers have died.

Since the war began, we have overthrown Saddam Hussein, and Iraq has adopted a constitution and an elected government.

Would you say the war in Iraq was worth it or not worth it? **

Worth it.....	35	[230]
Not worth it.....	56	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

35. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
More confident.....	33	32	39	32	35	36	40	[231]
Less confident.....	57	57	50	58	56	55	50	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	6	6	6	4	5	6	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	
		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
		44	47	41	41	46	37	
		45	43	48	48	41	53	
		6	5	6	6	8	5	
		5	5	5	5	5	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

36. Thinking about Iraq six months ago compared with today, is Iraq closer to having a stable, democratic government, farther from having a stable, democratic government, or is it pretty much in the same place that it was six months ago?

	<u>4/06*</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Closer to having a stable, democratic government.....	31	38	40	[232]
Farther from having stable, democratic government.....	15	10	12	
Same place it was six months ago.....	50	47	44	
Not sure.....	4	5	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

37. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think we should remain on the current course and try to achieve our current objectives, or do you think we should change directions and scale back on our objectives?

Remain on the current course/achieve current objectives.....	38	[233]
Change directions/scale back objectives.....	54	
Not sure.....	8	

38. Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over, with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think that most of the challenges in Iraq remain ahead?

	<u>4/06**</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03¹</u>	
Most of the challenges behind us.....	27	23	20	18	26	22	[234]
Most of the challenges remain ahead.....	68	73	71	75	70	71	
Not sure.....	5	4	8	7	3	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ In April 2003, this question was phrased, "most of the challenges in the war remain ahead."

39a. Recently a number of retired military generals have called for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to resign because of his handling of the Iraq war. Do you think that Donald Rumsfeld should resign or not?

Should resign.....	47	[235]
Should not resign.....	39	
Not sure.....	14	

- 39b. If Donald Rumsfeld were to resign as secretary of defense, do you think that this would be an important action that would make a real difference in the war, or do you think it would be a symbolic gesture that would not make a real difference in the war? **

Important action/would make a real difference.....	26	[236]
Symbolic gesture/would not make a real difference.....	65	
Not sure.....	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

40. At the conclusion of the war in Iraq, do you feel that most Americans will think it is—**(a)** More like World War Two, which unified America and was considered an important turning point for the United States' role in the world, **(b)** More like the Korean War, a stalemate in which neither side prevailed and American troops had to remain for many years, or **(c)** More like the Vietnam War, which divided America and lowered the United States' international prestige?

(a) More like World War Two.....	11	[237]
(b) More like the Korean War.....	35	
(c) More like the Vietnam War.....	48	
Not sure.....	6	

41. Getting near the end of the survey, when it comes to China, is the United States too tough, about right, or not tough enough in our business and economic negotiations with China? *

Too tough.....	4	[238]
About right.....	18	
Not tough enough.....	57	
Not sure.....	21	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	41	[239]
John Kerry.....	34	
Someone else.....	4	
Refused (VOL).....	3	
Did Not Vote	16	
Not sure.....	2	

- F2. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	21	[240-247]
White-collar worker.....	19	
Blue-collar worker.....	16	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	28	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	3	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

- F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[248-249]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	26	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	19	[250]
Not very strong Democrat.....	8	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	15	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

- F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[251]
Moderate.....	39	
Conservative.....	34	
Not sure.....	5	

- F6. Were you or was one of your parents born outside the United States? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** And were you, your parents, or both you and your parents born outside the United States?

Yes, respondent born outside United States.....	3	[252]
Yes, respondent's parents born outside the United States.....	9	
Yes, both respondent and parents born outside the United States.....	5	
No, neither respondent nor parents born outside the United States....	82	
Not sure.....	1	

- F7a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	51	CONTINUE	[253]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	3	Skip to Q.F8	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	8		
None.....	10	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F7a.)

- F7b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[254]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	45	
Not sure.....	7	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F7a).....	28	

F8. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	17	[255]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	41	
Not sure.....	4	

F9. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?**

Labor union member.....	12	[256]
Labor union household.....	6	
Nonunion household.....	80	
Not sure.....	2	

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[257]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	14	
Not sure/refused.....	16	